

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION Washington, DC 20463

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**RE:** MUR 6128

Dear Mr. Herman:

On May 19, 2009, the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that Larry E. Craig, Craig for U.S. Senate and Kay O'Riordan, in her official capacity as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. § 439a(b). You subsequently indicated your clients' interest in engaging in pre-probable cause conciliation with the Commission. Therefore, on July 27, 2010, the Commission determined to enter into negotiations directed towards reaching a conciliation agreement in settlement of this matter prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.

Enclosed is a conciliation agreement that the Commission has approved in settlement of this matter. If your clients agree with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please sign and return it, along with the civil penalty, to the Commission. In light of the fact that conciliation negotiations, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, are limited to a maximum of 60 days, you should respond to this notification as soon as possible.

During conciliation, you may submit any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to the resolution of this matter. Because the Commission only enters into pre-probable cause conciliation in matters that it believes have a reasonable opportunity for settlement, we may proceed to the next step in the enforcement process if a mutually acceptable conciliation agreement cannot be reached within 60 days. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a), 11 C.F.R. Part 111 (Subpart A). Please note that once the Commission enters the next step in the enforcement process, it may decline to engage in further settlement discussions until after making a probable cause finding.

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If you have any questions or suggestions for changes in the agreement, or if you wish to arrange a meeting in connection with a mutually satisfactory conciliation agreement, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Shana M. Broussard

Attorney